



Sir Knights,

2008 Grand York Rite Annual Sessions held at Holiday Inn Select, Bakersfield, California was magnificent and the highlights will be discussed under Chapter, Council and Commandery.

Also, observed during Officer Installation of the respective bodies, an event of epic proportions was noticed and this epic event should be held at all regular Chapter, Council, and Commandery installation ceremonies: when the Master of Ceremonies was to invest the officer with the jewel of his office, the wife met the marshal and did the investment of the jewel and then hugged and kissed her husband. If the officer's wife was not in attendance, the wife of the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, or Grand Commander then invested the jewel on the officer – without the kiss.

Delta Council No. 216, AMD: this body used to be represented at the Grand York Rite Sessions but has fallen by the side of road; maybe it is time to resurrect this body.

June is next quarterly meeting of AMD. My understanding is Ian Martin will be presenting a research article for review and publication.

Stockton Commandery No 8: Drill team competition, held on Sunday, began the Grand sessions; Grand Commandery opened this year on Monday beginning with Breakfast, Public and then formal Grand Opening, election of Officers, Past Commanders Association, Public Installation of Officers, and Family dinner.

Resolution 2008-1 (passed) order of Introductions and by whom and

Resolution 2008-2 (passed) sleeve crosses shall be 2 inches in height.

‡ **April 26 a miniature installation of officers** was held as we had to install Treasurer Don Wilcoxon, Junior Warden Dax Martin and Sword Bearer John Lynch prior to the Inspection.

‡ **April 26 the annual inspection** conducted by Inspector Sir Knight Ken Edwards, and we did have some points deducted but a thank you to all Sir Knights of Stockton Commandery No. 8 for their participation. We did excellent as we have gotten better each year and next year we will do even better.

‡ **For the June 28th conclave,** we will be going through the ritual,

please review your lines (Opening, forming the lines, rehearsal, forming triangle, and rehearsal of duties). The biggest part of the ritual is for the Commander and Captain-General; most have 1 to 2 sentences – let's do it **without** the book.

‡ The **Order of the Temple** festival, Sacramento on June 14, and your Commandery, **Stockton Commandery No. 8**, will be doing the honors. A separate email has gone out with suggested parts and practice times; if you absolutely cannot be a part of the Order of the Temple, my condolences to your widow; unless your name is Leland Routt and he will be in Russia, but will participate in our practices. The practices will be divided between Mt. Oso and Sciots.

‡ While at Vallejo, a discussion was held with the **President of the Festival** and we should be doing the **Order of the Temple** for the festival next year – Saturday March 28th – all necessary paperwork has been submitted. The Order of the Temple was done by California No. 1 and they were fantastic in the work.

Stockton Chapter No. 28: The session of Grand Chapter began on Tuesday, beginning with Breakfast, Public and then formal Grand Opening, election of Officers, Order of High Priesthood, Public Installation of Officers, and Family Dinner.

Resolution 2008-1 (passed) established executive committee of Grand Chapter;

Resolution 2008-2 (passed) established members of Finance Committee;

Resolution 2008-3 (passed) established the number of members of Credentials committee; and

Resolution 2008-4 (passed) established purpose of Membership, Masonic Youth, Long Range Planning, and Scholarships Committees.

Stockton Council No. 10: The session of Grand Council began on Wednesday, beginning with Breakfast, Public and then formal Grand Opening, election of Officers, Thrice Illustrious Master Degree, and Public Installation of Officers.

Resolution 2008-1 (passed) extended the \$1.00 assessment for each Select Master from subordinate Councils until 2017 and

Resolution 2008-2 (passed) raising the Per Capita from \$9.00 to \$12.00 for each Select Master from subordinate Councils.

Steven M. Fowler was awarded Recorder of the Year and because of his work and dedication to all bodies of the York Rite, this award and presentation was well deserved – congratulations Steve.